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Box No. I Basis of the report

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The written opinion was formed based on documents 1 to 7 cited in the international search report:

Document 1: WO 2002/028827 A1
 Document 2: JP 2003-104957 A
 Document 3: WO 2003/000256 A1
 Document 4: JP 2002-504110 A
 Document 5: JP 8-217692 A
 Document 6: JP 9-20681 A
 Document 7: JP 258103 A

(1) Inventiveness of Claims 1 to 9

Documents 1 to 7

Documents 1 and 2 indicate that a 5-amidino-2-hydroxybenzenesulfonamide derivative has an activity of inhibiting activated blood coagulation factor X (hereinafter referred to as "factor Xa"), and is effective in the treatment of thromboembolisms in arteries and veins (see document 1, claims 3 to 7, 9, 11 and 12; page 28, line 16 to last line; embodiments 8, 11 and 18 to 20; document 2, paragraphs [0002] and [0051] to [0053]).

In addition, as set forth in documents 3 and 4, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art that the

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combined use of a factor Xa inhibiting agent and a platelet coagulation inhibitor for the treatment of thromboembolisms in arteries and veins results in an increase in the anti-thromboembolism effect, such as a reduction in the weight of thrombosis (document 3, page 1, lines 9 to 25; page 32, lines 1 to 18; page 40, line 11 to last line; document 4, claims; page 7, lines 2 to 6, page 77, line 21 to page 79, line 1; page 84, fig. 1).

It would therefore be obvious in the light of documents 3 and 4 to attempt the combined use of the factor Xa inhibiting agent and platelet coagulation inhibitor set forth in documents 1 and 2 to obtain a pharmaceutical with outstanding anti-thrombosis effect, such as reducing the weight of thrombosis.

The effect of improving the increase in coagulation of this invention of this application is examined below. As indicated in documents 5 and 6, platelets promote blood coagulation, therefore platelet coagulation inhibitors are understood to have an activity of improving increased coagulation, and document 7 indicates that aspirin has an effect of improving increased coagulation (document 5, paragraph [0005], document 6, paragraphs [0003] and [0004]; document 7, paragraphs [0049] and [0064]; page 12, fig. 7). Therefore the effect of this invention is merely due to an increase in the quantity contained of a component having an effect of improving increased coagulation, and is not a special effect.

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